



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5747

LCO No. 2845

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF BANTAM LAKE AS A HERITAGE LAKE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-339f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall:

4 (1) Designate a lake located in two or more municipalities and
5 Bantam Lake in Morris and Litchfield to be the subject of a program of
6 preservation which may serve as a pilot program for the preservation
7 and enhancement of the historic, cultural, recreational, economic,
8 scenic, public health and environmental value of lakes in this state;

9 (2) Encourage partnerships and agreements with municipalities
10 which are contiguous to the [lake] lakes and, to the greatest extent
11 practicable under law, direct programs, grants and technical assistance
12 so as to provide environmental support to the [lake] lakes;

13 (3) Coordinate state and municipal activities and resources to
14 preserve, protect and restore the [lake and its shoreline] lakes and their

15 shorelines;

16 (4) Provide access to existing scientific data and information relating
 17 to the [lake, its shoreline] lakes, their shorelines and watershed [area]
 18 areas to the municipalities in which [it is] they are located;

19 (5) Cooperate with such municipalities to promote and encourage
 20 public use and enjoyment of the resource for all lawful purposes
 21 consistent with achievement of the other goals set forth in this section;

22 (6) Provide, upon request of such municipalities, an agency
 23 representative to whom they may communicate goals and needs and
 24 who shall facilitate communication and interaction between such
 25 municipalities and the state; and

26 (7) Cooperate with the contiguous municipalities in any efforts to
 27 protect and preserve the character of the [designated lake as such
 28 municipalities may undertake] lakes designated pursuant to
 29 subdivision (1) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-339f
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Statement of Purpose:

To designate Bantam Lake as a heritage lake.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]